

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE GREENWOOD TOWN COUNCIL
GREENWOOD, FLORIDA
October 8, 2019**

The Town Council of the Town of Greenwood, Florida met in a regular session in the Greenwood Town Hall at 6:30 p.m. on the 8th day of October, 2019. The place, time, and date heretofore established for the holding of such meetings.

Mayor Phyllis Bowman called the meeting to order.

Everyone present stood for the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag. Mayor Bowman asked for a moment of silence to honor our men and woman in the military.

The following answered present to roll call:

Mayor, Phyllis Bowman

Alicia Corder, Town Clerk

Lisabeth Beutler, Deputy Clerk

George Little, Attorney

Council Member, Mamie Vann

Council Member, Jacky Ditty

Council Member, Bryan Johnson

The Clerk declared a quorum present.

Others Present: Ruth Craven, Richard Bass, Sam Crouch, Robert Jackson, Clay Milton, Suzanne M. NeSmith, Charles Sanders, Keith Bassett, Adris Pender

The first item on the agenda was the approval of the minutes for the September 10, 2019 Council Meeting, September 17, 2019 Budget Hearing and September 17, 2019 Special Meeting as well as the financials for September 2019. A motion to approve all minutes as stated and financials for September 2019 was made by CM Vann. Second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Vann – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Passed.

The next item on the agenda was to discuss the Development Order submitted by PeoplesSouth Bank and the use of the alley that is located on the eastside to expand the current drive thru entrance. Attorney Little outlined the town's options regarding the use of the alley by the adjoining property owners. Mr. Little further explained that the town could allow permissive use of the alley to expand the drive thru entrance and the permissive use agreement would be limited use for banking operations only. Attorney Clay Milton, representing PeoplesSouth Bank, provided to Council a copy of a survey showing the alley boundary lines and the adjoining property owners, as well as an amended plan showing the drive thru expansion. Mr. Milton stated that Rick and Ruth Bass, one of the adjoining properties, have signed an agreement stating they have no objection to the bank's plans to use the alley and have no need to use the alley to gain access to their property. Mr. Adris Pender, who is also an adjoining property owner, stated the proposed plans for the drive thru expansion would block access into the rear of his property. After further discussion, and the affected property owners unable to reach any solution, CM Vann called for an end to the current discussion and requested PeoplesSouth Bank and Mr. Pender set up a time to discuss the division of the alley and try to come to a mutual agreement that would meet the needs of both parties. If needed, the Council can convene a special meeting to readdress the issue so the bank can move forward with their proposed development.

The next item on the agenda was a presentation from Mr. Keith Bassett, project coordinator for the Town's insurance company, regarding the construction bids for the new warehouse that were advertised as required by the town's procurement policy. Two (2) bids were submitted. Ram Construction (\$269,320.00) and Emerald Coast Constructors (\$185,385.00). Mr. Bassett researched each company and stated Emerald Coast Constructors has an A+ rating and Ram Construction does not have a rating history with the BBB. Mr. Bassett recommended Emerald Coast Constructors be awarded the construction contract. A motion to accept the bid from Emerald Coast Constructors for \$185,385 was made by CM Johnson. Second by CM Vann. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Passed.

The next agenda item is regarding our financial audit services. TC Corder advised Council that Carr, Riggs, & Ingram has sent us a notice stating an increase in audit fees as of the FYE 2019 audit services. The increase in fees would raise the current audit fee from \$11,500.00 to approximately \$15,000.00. TC Corder is requesting permission to advertise Request for Proposals for financial audit services. A motion to advertise Request for Proposals for financial audit services was made by CM Ditty. Second by CM Johnson. Vote called. Ditty – Yes. Johnson – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed.

The next item on the agenda was a discussion regarding Code Enforcement. Council was provided a copy of five (5) Code Enforcement courtesy letters and four (4) Pre-Citation letters that will be sent out on October 9, 2019. After a brief discussion it was determined that road maintenance would take care of the debris issue on Vereen Street, which would eliminate 2 courtesy letters. TC Corder explained the road maintenance employees can pick up the remaining debris around town but future violations need to be handled through code enforcement procedures.

Attorney Little gave updates on legals. With regard to the Hall suit, the attorney for the Town's insurance company will be handling this in the future. There are no additional updates on legals at this time.


TC Corder gave clerk notes. TC Corder advised Council that there is a vibration at Well #2 that is being monitored. Donald Smith Company will be here tomorrow to troubleshoot the issue. Council will be updated accordingly. The Well # 3 project has now begun. A resident inspector will be on site at all times. TC Corder advised Council she attended a grant workshop last week that explained possible Forestry and FDOT grants that may be available. There is a forestry grant program available that may help to offset the cost of replacing some of the trees lost at the park due to Hurricane Michael.

A motion to adjourn was made by CM Johnson. Second by CM Ditty. Vote called. Johnson – Yes. Ditty – Yes. Vann – Yes. Passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM. The next regular meeting of the Town Council will be held on November 12, 2019 at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisabeth Beutler
Deputy Clerk

Approved 12th day of Nov, 2019


Mamie M. Vann, Chairperson